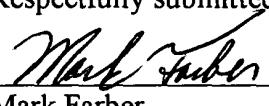


In fact, Wasserman never measured the standard deviation of inherent viscosity within the same batch of polymer. Therefore, applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the Examiner issue a notice of this effect.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned. Should he believe the would expedite prosecution of this applicator.

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